



## **Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION November 9, 2011**

**Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on November 9, 2011, within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Frank Williams, Chair  
Shirlee King, Vice Chair  
Susan Bendix  
Patrick Fanning  
Nancy Goren  
Hilary Harp  
Dave Kephart  
Hotchy Kiene  
Robert Moore  
Celeste Plumlee

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Nikie Crawford  
Donna Goyette  
Barbara Hanigsberg  
Janis Webb

**City Staff Present:**

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development  
Don Fassinger, Cultural Facilities Administrator - Library and Cultural Services Division  
Lona Gearhart, Arts Coordinator - Art Instructional Program  
Bridget Harper, Visual Arts Instructor - Art Instructional Program  
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services Division

**Guest(s) Present:**

Dan Abbott, Tempe Empty Bowls  
Catherine Ray, Arizona State University (ASU)  
Connie Schultejans, Tempe Empty Bowls  
Mendi Tabikh, Arizona State University (ASU)

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the October 12, 2011, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved minutes document** dated **October 12, 2011**.
- **MOTION:** Nancy Goren moved to approve the October 12, 2011, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document.  
**SECOND:** Hotchy Kiene seconded.  
**DECISION:** October 12, 2011, TMAC Minutes Document approved.

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### **Agenda Item 3 - Cultural Facilities Administrator's Report**

- Don Fassinger, City of Tempe Cultural Facilities Administrator, introduced **Dan Abbott** and **Connie Schultejans**, representatives of the **Tempe Empty Bowls Program**, as well as **Lona Gearhart**, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, and **Bridget Harper**, City of Tempe Visual Arts Instructor. Fassinger further welcomed all guests to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting.
- D. Abbott reported that the City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division has provided support to the Tempe Empty Bowls Program for approximately 10 years. Abbott explained that the City of Tempe Art Instructional Program houses a progressive Ceramics Education Program directed by L. Gearhart and B. Harper. Abbott further acknowledged that assistance from the City of Tempe Ceramics Education Program affirms that the Tempe Empty Bowls Program will continue to provide support to the Tempe Community.
- D. Abbott and C. Schultejans presented L. Gearhart and B. Harper with a plaque acknowledging the City of Tempe's support of the Tempe Empty Bowls Program; L. Gearhart thanked the Tempe Empty Bowls Program representatives (D. Abbott, B. Harper and C. Schultejans) and stated that the plaque will be on display within the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Administrative Offices, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe.
- Frank Williams, TMAC Chair, inquired about how the TMAC members may support the Tempe Empty Bowls Program. Connie Schultejans noted that Tempe Empty Bowls is scheduled to occur February 24 and 25, 2012; C. Schultejans encouraged the TMAC members to attend and explained that the monetary proceeds generated by the event will benefit the United Food Bank and the Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA).
- C. Schultejans reminded Rachael Peterson, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, that flyers promoting the Tempe Empty Bowls Program will be available prior to the TMAC meeting scheduled to occur on February 8, 2012.
- Don Fassinger, City of Tempe Cultural Facilities Administrator, reported that the following events were/are scheduled to occur in November and December, 2011:
  - **Tempe Community Galleries Program Exhibition:** "Pop" (November 4, 2011, through February 29, 2011; Tempe Post Office);
  - **Veterans Coffee Hour** (10 a.m., November 10; Tempe Public Library Connections Café Program Room);
  - **Performances at the Tempe History Museum:** "A Concert for Peace - The Pangean Orchestra" (7 p.m., November 11; Tempe History Museum);
  - **Childsplay:** "Lyle the Crocodile" (November 13 through December 18; Tempe Center for the Arts);
  - **Walk-In Wednesdays at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA):** "Songwriters' Showcase VI with Jesse Valenzuela (7 p.m., November 16; TCA);
  - **Third Thirstday Night Café:** "Research Matters: The Latest and Greatest from Arizona State University (ASU)" (7 p.m., November 17; Tempe History Museum);
  - **Lakeshore Jazz Series:** "Kathy Kosins and Tamir Hendelman" (7:30 p.m., November 18; TCA);
  - **Sonoran Chamber Music:** "Arianna Quartet" (2:30 p.m., November 20; TCA);
  - **Performance with a View:** "Lynne Aspnes" (9:30 a.m., November 22; TCA);
  - **ASU Foundry Arts Exhibition:** "Imaginary Architectures and Landscapes" (November 26 through December 3; Tempe History Museum);
  - **Danish Christmas at the Petersen House** (December 3 through December 18; Petersen House Museum);

- **Family Fun Factory** (6:30 p.m., December 9; Edna Vihel Center for the Arts);
- **Performances at the Museum:** "The Nutcracker by the Paradise Winds Ensemble" (7 p.m., December 9; Tempe History Museum);
- **Larry Campbell Tree of Lights Reception** (3 p.m., December 11; Tempe History Museum);
- **Performance with a View:** "SaxMas Morning" (9:30 a.m., December 13; TCA);
- **The Art of Rangolee** (10 a.m., December 17; Edna Vihel Center for the Arts).
- D. Fassinger reported that Amanda Martin, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, prepares the Cultural Services Division Director/Cultural Facilities Administrator reports; D. Fassinger asked Rachael Peterson to forward the November and December, 2011, report to the TMAC members via email message. Fassinger explained that the report prepared by A. Martin includes event details that may not be mentioned during TMAC meetings.
- D. Fassinger encouraged the TMAC members to view the **fall 2011 event placards** attached to their regular meeting packets listing events scheduled to occur within the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA). Fassinger further encouraged the TMAC members to view the following website for additional information related to programming and events at the TCA: [www.tempe.gov/tca](http://www.tempe.gov/tca).
- D. Fassinger stated that the **Sonoran Arts League** published the work of Tempe-based artist **Susan Canasi** as part of its 100-page, full-color "**Hidden in the Hills**" studio tour directory. Fassinger noted that additional information related to the directory may be obtained by visiting: [www.sonoranartsleague.org/buybook.html](http://www.sonoranartsleague.org/buybook.html).
- D. Fassinger announced that **Stray Cat Theatre** is playing host to the production "**MilkMilkLemondade**" December 2 through December 17 at the Tempe Performing Arts Center as part of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. Fassinger reported that additional information in regards to the production may be viewed by visiting [www.straycattheatre.org](http://www.straycattheatre.org).
- D. Fassinger reported that the Friends of TCA played host to a fundraiser event on November 5 at the TCA titled, "**Dance the Night Away (DNA) at TCA.**" Fassinger further reported that the event was successful and featured well-received presentations by **Epik Dance Company** and the **Dueling Pianos (of Tempe's "The Big Bang")**.
- Shirlee King, TMAC Vice Chair, encouraged the TMAC members to attend **Childsplay's** production of "**The Sun Serpent**" closing at 11:30 a.m. on November 13 at the TCA and featuring masks created by **Zarco Guerrero**.
- D. Fassinger suggested that the TMAC members contact Rachael Peterson if they'd like additional information or web links related to upcoming art events and related cultural programming via email message at [Rachael\\_Peterson@tempe.gov](mailto:Rachael_Peterson@tempe.gov).

#### **Agenda Item 4 - Chairperson's Report**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, reported that **Woody Wilson** will be present at the TMAC meeting scheduled to occur at 6 p.m. on December 14 within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, to provide the TMAC members with an update in regards to the **Lakeshore Jazz Series** at the Tempe Center for the Arts, as well as an overview of the proposed **Levitt Pavilion** at Tempe Beach Park.

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**Agenda Item 5A - Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Report**

- Hilary Harp, on behalf of Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, redistributed a **Call to Artists** document to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members that explained the **Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards Public Artwork Opportunity** (Public Artwork Opportunity) in detail.
- H. Harp reminded the TMAC members that the Public Artwork Opportunity is a collaborative project between the **City of Tempe** and the **Downtown Tempe Community**; H. Harp further stated that six local artists will be selected via City of Tempe Public Art Program Panel Review Process to paint two-dimensional artwork on utility boxes located within Tempe's **Mill Avenue District**. Harp stated that the project budget is \$12,000; artists who are selected to fulfill the Public Artwork Opportunity will also have their works prominently displayed on Tempe Public Library Cards.
- H. Harp explained that the artist selection panel for the Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library cards Public Artwork Opportunity occurred within Downtown Tempe Community Offices on **November 9**; H. Harp acknowledged the following panel members:
  - **Hilary Harp** of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission;
  - **Lupe Camargo** of the Friends of the Tempe Public Library;
  - **Kim Garza**, Tempe Public Library Manager;
  - **Paul Hubbell** of the Tempe Public Library Advisory Board;
  - **Charles Goffnet** of the Downtown Tempe Community Board;
  - **Mary Murphy-Bessler** of the Downtown Tempe Community;
  - **Cathy Hollow**, City of Tempe Civil Engineer.
- H. Harp announced that the following artists were selected to move forward within the project's artist selection panel:
  - **Oliverio Balcels**;
  - **Colton Brock**;
  - **Dawn DeVries Sokol**;
  - **Bud Heiss**;
  - **Linda Parker**;
  - **Lucretia Torva**.
- H. Harp explained that the TMAC members will review the final artist designs for the Tempe Public Library Cards and Mill Avenue Utility Boxes for consideration at the TMAC meeting scheduled to occur on January 11, 2012. Harp further noted that the Mill Avenue Utility Boxes will be painted during the week of January 30, 2012.
- M. Aurora announced that the Tempe Public Art Program will partner with the Downtown Tempe Community to secure three vacant retail spaces to be utilized as temporary public art installations within the Mill Avenue District. Aurora explained that the participating property owners will not charge rent for the installations, and will provide minimal access to electricity.
- M. Aurora reported that the Tempe Public Art Program will commission three artists to participate in the **IN FLUX** project (Project); M. Aurora explained that each participating artist will receive up to \$4000 all-inclusive of fees, materials, equipment rental, transportation, shipping and deinstallation.
- M. Aurora stated that artists for the IN FLUX project will be selected through a public process conducted by the Tempe and Scottsdale Public Art Programs. Aurora further stated that each temporary artwork will be fabricated and installed over a three-week period and will be displayed for up to six months.

- M. Aurora acknowledged the following benefits of the IN FLUX project to the Tempe Community:
  - **Temporary artwork installations will draw visitors to the Downtown Tempe Community;**
  - **Installations will activate vacant spaces;**
  - **Artworks will fill the gaps and create connections between vacant and active storefronts;**
  - **Installations will provide exposure and work for local artists;**
  - **Artworks create a sense of vibrancy for potential Downtown Tempe Community tenants;**
  - **Installations will landmark and improve the visual appearance of Downtown Tempe, as well as increase a sense of community ownership.**

**MOTION:** Hotchy Kiene moved to approve the IN FLUX Public Artwork Project and its corresponding project budget.

**SECOND:** Hilary Harp seconded.

**DECISION:** IN FLUX Public Artwork Project and its corresponding project budget approved.

#### **Agenda Item 5B - Grants Report**

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to contact her via email message at **Maja\_Aurora@tempe.gov** if they'd like to audit an art grant recipient event and/or program. Aurora added that she intends to compile a list of art grant recipient e-newsletters to distribute to the TMAC members as an additional communication tool.
- M. Aurora presented an **Arts Council for Youth MiniGrant Application** to the TMAC members for review.
- M. Aurora explained that the Arts Council for Youth requested \$500 in funding for a project titled, "**Art Rocks!**" Aurora added that the event, an ongoing visual arts display, is scheduled to occur from December 10, 2011, through January 10, 2011, at Hoodlum's in Tempe.

**MOTION:** Hotchy Kiene moved to approve the Arts Council for Youth MiniGrant Application as presented.

**SECOND:** Dave Kephart seconded.

**DECISION:** Arts Council for Youth MiniGrant Application approved as presented.

- M. Aurora further explained that H.Lab Performance requested \$500 in funding for a project titled, "**(un)ravel.**" Aurora added that the event, a dance theatre performance, is scheduled to occur at 8 p.m. on December 10, 2011, at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

**MOTION:** Celeste Plumlee moved to approve the H.Lab Performance MiniGrant Application as presented.

**SECOND:** Hilary Harp seconded.

**DECISION:** H.Lab Performance MiniGrant Application approved as presented.

#### **Agenda Item 6 - Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Report**

- No report.

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**Agenda Item 7 - Commission Members' Announcements**

- Shirlee King, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Vice Chair, announced that the **Zonta Club of the East Valley** in conjunction with the **Arizona Art Alliance** is playing host to an “**Art and Chocolate Affair**” from 4 to 6 p.m. on December 10 within the Arizona Art Alliance Gallery at the Talking Stick Resort Pavilions. King explained that the Zonta Club of the East Valley will be selling chocolate delicacies for sampling and raffle tickets for a gallery gift certificate and gourmet baskets. King further explained that additional information may be obtained by calling **602-870-7610**.
- Patrick Fanning reported that he attended the **Arizona Commission on the Arts'** state-mandated **Sunset Review** on November 9. Fanning announced that after four months of extensive response preparation to the 13 Sunset Factors and four Agency Factors, the audit's Committee of Reference reauthorized the Arizona Commission on the Arts.
- Hotchy Kiene announced that the **Great Arizona Puppet Theater** seeks additional board members; H. Kiene encouraged the TMAC members to contact him via email message for additional information.

**Agenda Item 9 - Public Appearances**

- No appearances.

**Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment**

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on December 14 within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

Prepared By: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed By: Adrienne Richwine

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Frank Williams  
Chair, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission